

Consideration of Potential Review Panel Members

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Background:

TCDD solicits, on an ongoing basis, qualified individuals who can serve on the Independent Review Panels that evaluate proposals received in response to Requests for Proposals (RFPs). In order to have a large enough pool of potential reviewers, a database of approved individuals is maintained. The Executive Committee reviews and approves individuals to be included in the reviewer pool at each meeting. Planning Director Joanna Cordry and Planning Specialist Danny Fikac will provide information about individuals who have recently submitted applications to be reviewers. This information includes names, areas of expertise, and cities of potential new reviewers. This information is provided behind this tab sheet.

The Executive Committee will be asked to make a final determination on the list of new potential reviewers.

Executive Committee — Agenda Item 10

Expected Action:

The Executive Committee will consider this information, and make a final determination on the pool of potential reviewers.

Council — Agenda Item 10. C.

Expected Action:

The Council will receive a report on the Executive Committee decisions.

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TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Danny Fikac, Planning Specialist
SUBJECT: Approving New Applications for RFP Review Panelists
DATE: February 8, 2017

TCDD staff received four new applications for new members of TCDD RFP Review Panel, and TCDD staff contacted a previous applicant for additional information. The memo includes the new applicants' name, location and qualifications. As TCDD develops new projects and moves forward with its new five-year plan, it is necessary to continue to add to the eligible panel members in order to have a diverse independent review panel with expertise in various subject matters.

Last Name	First Name	Home City	Qualifications
Haley	Mianne	Georgetown	<p>I am a parent of a 39-year-old special needs adult with ACC, PPD, Asperger's, Non-Verbal Learning Disorder Syndrome, and Bi-Polar with Rage Disorder.</p> <p>I've created a non-profit organization which addresses social and spiritual needs of the special needs community, and homeschooled for 17 years, taught other families' children, and continue to tutor children and special needs adults.</p> <p>My home has been a host home in the HCS waiver program for over 15 years.</p>
John	Morris	Edinburg	<p>I have worked on grants over the past 20 years as well as managed grant projects during my employment. I have reported to state and federal grants that I have had previously. I was on TCDD for 14 years and reviewed proposals for grantees while serving on the Project Development and the Executive Committee</p>
Ezeikel	Niemogha	Dallas	<p>I have 10 years' experience working with deaf & hard of hearing and am a member of Global Deaf Service Project.</p>

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Hesma	Stephens	Richmond	I am a motivational speaker, trainer & consultant on topics related to safety, patient experience, employee conflicts and self-care. I have been the owner of a safety management and training company for 9 years. In addition, I am a member of the National Speakers Association Houston Chapter and a state advocate for children with special needs in the judicial system. I am the founder of Social Enhancement Exchange (SEE) project and Including Autism for those with communication disorders to improve social skills. I have a child (under the age of 18) with a severe disability.

There were two additional applications with incomplete information. Staff's efforts to contact the applicants were unsuccessful.